

GEORGE O. BARNES.

God is Love and Nothing Else.

PRAISE THE LORD.

BARTON, FLA., JAN. 17, 1889.

Dear Brother:—There is no crop in the world so accommodating as the orange. It hangs on from mid-November to the first of March, improving generally all the time. The imperfectly matured fruit that is hurried into market to gain high prices is comparatively sound, easily injured in shipping, and altogether inferior to that gathered later. As I write, not more than half the current year's crop has been plucked and half the groves are still in full glory of "green and gold"—the combination of colors, that, the world over, still most attract the eye and fill the aesthetic soul with a sense of restful harmony.

The orange clings to the parent stem with great tenacity, requiring quite an exertion of force to detach it. This constitutes a peril in plucking them for market. Frequently they are "plugged" in severing the tie by main force, which means that a small piece of the outer skin is rent away, leaving the fruit defenseless against speedy rot, or if not "plugged" and externally unimpaired, the strain has captured the delicate inner tissues, by the lifting of the yellow rind, and again the process of decay is accelerated. To prevent this, either very gentle and skillful handling is required in gathering, or, what is becoming in general use, clipping, the stem close to the orange. Many think that this will be demanded by dealers, soon, as a guarantee of careful handling, and sanguine growers think that the luscious fruit, judiciously manipulated, may just as well last two months, after plucking, as two weeks. Every step in the direction of prolonging the undelayed existence of this perishable and luxurious adjunct of our dinner tables, will be of public benefit. The orange is destined to be as common as the apple, when large production shall bring it within reach of the poorest.

Forty trees to the acre, or 34 feet apart, is the very best planting, though 50 and 60 are very commonly put in. The temptation is to crowd, here as elsewhere, and forget how trees grow.

Trees of three years are best, though "four-year-olds" are frequently planted. In five years from setting a small crop may be gathered from three-year-old plantings. Then on and on in rapidly increasing ratio, till at 15 years from the seed an average yield of 1,500 to 2,000 oranges to the tree rewards the happy cultivator.

The crop this year sold at 60 to 75 cts. on the tree, the purchaser gathering. At the lowest valuation, therefore, each 2,000 orange tree yields \$12. Multiply this by 10 and you have \$120 to the acre. An average of 1,000 oranges gives half that, or \$20. Not a bad return. Suppose ten acres set out and carefully tended. The careful cultivator has an income of nearly \$2,000, of which, after the first expenditures cease, that cluster thickest at the start, after the manner of this devil's world, nine tenths will be net profit. This is a low estimate of the fourth year's income. That beats corn, asparagus, tobacco, all hollow. The dirt here is in labor to produce these respective crops is simply immense, and altogether in favor of the orange.

Wonderful is the tenacity of life in the orange, when soil and climate suit. It is almost impossible to kill it. You can trample on it at an age when it would be fatal in another tree, and it will grow at an amazing rate, when reduced to a forlorn stump, with roots mutilated and not a leaf in sight. This morning I saw some magnificent trees that had been hacked out of the ground in the most brutally style, and the entire top saved off when seven years old. Only about two feet of the great tap-root was taken up. That was eight years ago. They produced 2,000 oranges this year and are simply superb trees, with symmetrical tops, a charming pyramid of deepest green foliage, where the gold of the orange delights to nestle.

There are many varieties of the luscious fruit. Budding is common and all sorts of experiments in perfecting the orange are rife. But those who have moderate means and moderate desires stick to what is known as the "Sweet Seedling." Like the Concord among grapes, it is good enough for anybody. The great bulk of the Florida oranges—"Bright" and "Russet"—are from this standard variety.

A word as to "Russets." The "Bright" or clear yellow orange, and the "Russets" are most frequently found on the same tree. Various theories are broached to account for the once yellow specimens turning brown. Some think an insect does it. Only to-day a very experienced insect grower told me he repudiated the insect theory and attributed the change to subtle influences of sun and rain, coming in unknown conjunctions. The fact is, nobody knows the origin of the "russet" taint. But dismiss the idea

of its being a "variety" of orange. It is no such thing. It seems, however, to concentrate the juices and sweeten the fruit, whatever the cause may be. I hear that some of the vendors of the orange smoke the yellow coats to supply to order, "russets," to a discerning public. They are the favorites just now.

Three-fourth of the fruit hanging on our hotel grove trees are "brownies." I grieve to say that they are being plucked to-day, and I fear, in a few days, our lovely "green and gold" will be all green. Well, we will "die" before all are gone. We have enjoyed them with an intensity of pleasure that I can't describe.

Joy of joys! Our friends have arrived. They came over our route, and know the joys and sorrows of "Florida" and "Sun, Fla." as well as we. They are able to corroborate, with variations and additions what I have previously written about those exasperating corporations. The particular form of their grievance takes the general direction of baggage left behind in Gainesville, to come on, when "Sun, Fla." or "Fla. Sun," shall be propositions. At present the thing is in an acute stage, with clean underwear with the hanks, wherever they may be. A vigorous use of the wires is now going on to discover their whereabouts. Who can tell how glad we were to see our friends drive up, Tuesday night at 11 o'clock? We expected them 21 hours before they came. They were very little tagged and a night's rest set them all up again. Of course they all became intoxicated next morning and are not quite sober yet, though we have been roaming among the groves, eating till we could eat no more, ever since their arrival. Innocent incitation, of the ecstatic kind, in which all indulge on a first arrival in Florida! I am barely sober, after a two weeks' stay, and I am not sure that I shall not become a confirmed case and keep on admiring the orange groves of Florida, extravagantly, while life lasts.

Our mail, without which we are all bereft, has at last resumed its usual steady flow, and we are glad, as Janie, of its return.

Your Lancaster correspondent sends his affectionate greetings and says he likes Florida, and is already wonderfully improved. You would think so if you could see him wading into citrus fruits, of sorts.

The meetings grow steadily in interest despite the usual opposition. Ah, me! To think that any can have the heart to oppose "God is Love and Nothing Else" and Jesus is "wounded in the house of His friends." That is the worst of it. We are all beautifully well, and praise the dear Lord for it. Will and I preach ultimately. What a crowning joy to my life, if only I can leave my dear boy to preach with me, till Jesus comes!

Ever in Jesus, Geo. O. Barnes.

STRINGTOWN.

We have a slight bit of winter in this locality.

Willie Bell has rented the farm of his father, Walker H. Bell, for \$400.

Miss Katie Lee and Jennie B. Wilcher, of Rolling Fork, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Myers.

There is a sportsman's paradise in this section. William Campbell and Sam Jeffries went hunting the other night and caught five coons, two polecats and six opossums.

That blooming widow, Mr. John W. McWhorter, whose life is now silently approaching autumnal ripeness, has a little dilapidated still in the town. It there are any lovable, marriageable spinsters in your section please send 'em down.

A little daughter of Andy Johnson's, of Martin's creek, was burned to death on last Friday. It lived 24 hours and her sufferings were great, but she died easy. In endeavoring to put out the fire her mother's hands were so badly burned that she will be a cripple for life.

Mr. Perry McWhorter, who was taken seriously ill with something like diphtheria more than a week ago, is now improving. Mr. Ed Snow is improving so fast that he will be able to visit Huntingtonville tomorrow. W. H. Bell and son went to Danville Sunday and has not yet returned.

Mr. John Thurman, a highly respected farmer belonging to the old school, of Owen county, has been visiting his relatives, Mrs. John Brown, of Casey's creek, Mrs. Levi Myers, of this place, and Mrs. L. F. Sharp, of McKinney, Little Lizzie Bell, an interesting child of W. H. Bell, has had the misfortune to lose her hearing. Mrs. Levi Myers is suffering from neuralgia.

—Mrs. Mary Hunk, of Sharon, Pa., a firm believer in the doctrine of "Christian Science," became violently insane on the subject.

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FARM AND TRADE ITEMS.

C. A. Redd sold to Danl. Holman, a combined horse for \$150.

—The bears forced May wheat down to 97½ at Chicago Wednesday.

—B. O. Goyer sold to Sam Middleton a pair of No. 1 work mules at \$275.

—Charles Dunn sold to D. N. Hewitt a bunch of yearling heifers at \$18.

—Cattle are worth from 1½ to 1½ in Cincinnati, hogs 1 to 5.10 and sheep 2½ to 3 cts.

—Corn is selling at \$2 delivered and timothy hay at \$15 per ton in stock in Clark county.

—R. W. Gaines sold to W. Rue, of Mercer, the 25 cotton mules advertised in this paper at \$90.

—For sale, 100 bushels of nice, clean clover seed and about 20 bushels of timothy seed. Root & Cather. It

—J. E. Kern sold two cars of cotton mules yesterday to A. H. Jewell, of Albany, Ga., at \$107.—Paris News.

—Thornton & Son, of Bradfordsville, last week bought of J. J. Hunter his fine premium jack for \$900.—Columbia Spectator.

—William Snow sold to John Underwood 10 scrub heifers at \$11 and bought of A. C. Carman 6,100-pound cattle at \$1 cts.

—The Charleston News and Courier says the cotton crop of this year will be the largest ever raised and will approximate 7,500,000 bales.

—There were 660 hogsheads of tobacco on the docks at Cincinnati Tuesday, the largest number for two years. Old sold at 1 to 2½ cents and new at 1 to 18 cts.

—W. B. Kidd shipped Monday for Lehman Bros. 165 export cattle, weighing 1,525 pounds. Thirty-two of these were recently purchased of Mrs. J. D. Gay at \$4.10 and the remainder some time ago at \$4.50.—Winchester Democrat.

—Mr. J. R. Farris has returned from Atlanta, where he disposed of his carload of mules at good prices. He tells us that there is a great demand for good cotton mules and advises his friends having mules to start South with them at once.

—Mr. J. W. Givens has gone to Lexington, Miss., to dispose of a carload of mules which he bought in this county. Waiting to keep posted on the doings of his home people as well as the price of stock of all kinds he orders the Lexington Journal sent to him as has been his custom for years.

MUSTONVILLE.

We have had no decent weather since Walton ceased to manipulate the "flats."

—John M. Cooper has been confined to his room for sometime with a rheumatic affection.

—Henry Cannitz and wife are at Covington attending on Mr. Cannitz's mother, who is reported in a dying condition.

—All quiet on our section of the Potomac. A great many icehouses for rent, cheap, but no takers. Very little business being transacted.

—Mr. Ward, of Mason county, arrived here some ten days since on a visit to Mrs. Swain, who is his adopted daughter. He was taken sick on his arrival and has been in bed ever since. A telegram was received Tuesday announcing the dangerous illness of his wife and urging his instant return. He was taken to Junction City on a mattress to meet the C. & O. train. Mrs. Swain and Sarah Yowell will go with him.

ADDITIONAL NEWS CONDENSED.

A son of Col. Basil Duke, now residing at a son of Prof. James at Louisville, because he circulated scandalous reports on him.

The Queen & Crescent and Kentucky Central railroads have reduced their freight rates from the Louisville tobacco district to Cincinnati.

Representative James N. Barnes, of Missouri, while in his seat in the House Wednesday, was stricken with paralysis and died shortly after midnight.

Testimony was given before the Russellville grand jury indicating that a brutal wagoner, becoming enraged at one of his oxen, literally skinned the creature alive.

—A sacrilegious thief stole the Nicholasville Christian church service, valued at \$50, and melted the nine pieces of silver in the stove so as not to be detected in selling it.

—Richmond.—H. S. Gay, of Garrard and Miss Lizzie Todd, of Madison county, were married Wednesday. T. J. White & Son sold to Doty & Walker, of Garrard county, 25 large cotton mules at \$175 per head. J. P. Simmons shipped 4,000 hogs during the season just closed, for which he paid the farmers of Madison \$20,000. Col. T. S. Mobley has returned from Dakota. He sold 65 blooded cattle, a Vatican colt and two Poland China pigs for \$4,000. Hogs in Dakota are something new under the sun. T. S. Hagan, a son of Capt. J. C. Hagan, has bought an interest in Collins' large furniture and undertaking business.—Climax.

MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY.

H. C. Gentry bought of W. G. Hiett a pair of mules for \$250.

—J. T. Hank sold to M. Bowers a farm of 200 acres for \$2,500.

—J. M. Crawford, Jr., was married to Miss Bettie Mullins yesterday.

—Wm. Poynter and Mrs. Mary M. Bragg, were married Sunday evening.

—Who said our boys didn't know anything about snipe hunting. Ask Andy Fish.

—D. C. Poynter has swapped his interest in the Main street property to his brother Wm. Poynter.

—In a late storm a large tree on Skaggs creek was blown down and a coal vein of 5 feet was disclosed.

—J. M. Whitehead, of Broadhead, wants 20 good laborers to go to Bell county to work in stove business. Good wages.

—Mrs. Eliza Sowder, who has been confined to her bed for 19 years, unable to move any member except her arms, is now able to walk about the house.

—F. L. Thompson, our ever progressive and enterprising merchant of the firm of Thompson & McKenzie, has sold his interest in the store to George S. Hiett. In the future the firm name will be McKenzie & Hiett.

—C. W. Adams tells of a Jumbo "possum" that his son-in-law, Nate Shumate, caught last week, which from the reputation Mr. Adams has in our community we cannot doubt. The critter weighed after being dressed 13 pounds.

—J. C. Myers is attending school at Glasgow. Mrs. Wm. Stewart, of Willie, is reported much worse. An ugly rumor reaches here that T. H. Clay has forged notes, etc., on the bank of Williamsburg. Mrs. Maggie Adams, of Paint Lick, was visiting her sister, Mrs. L. B. Adams, this week. J. W. Jones of London, was with us Wednesday. Pascal Porter, the boy preacher, is with us. W. C. Pryor is attending the Laurel Institute at London. J. W. Brown is in Louisville.

—Mr. F. L. Thompson, our wide-awake merchant, who was raised up in the mercantile business at this place, has concluded to change his field of action. He will probably locate at Bentleyville or Cumberland Gap with A. J. Fish. We will be sorry to lose such an enterprising man as Mr. T., who has proved himself to be an upright and honorable gentleman in his dealings with the public as well as with the newspapers, which he always patronized very liberally in the way of advertising and job work. The good wishes of a host of friends accompany him in his future undertakings.

CHURCH AFFAIRS.

In several Eastern cities the churches now have the contribution boxes passed by handsome young ladies. The plan is said to be highly successful.

All the Lexington churches have recently enjoyed revivals and the members are so filled with brotherly love that they are now holding a union revival at which the various pastors preach alternately.

The Lexington Main Street Christian church reports 62 additions by baptism and 58 by letter last year, loss by death 10 and by letter 38, leaving a present membership of 872; contributions to missions and other objects outside of the minister's salary \$604.42.

Professor Brown Seagard has been making experiments to determine whether the human breath was capable of producing poisonous effects. From the condensed watery vapor of the expired air or breath, he obtained a poisonous liquid, which, when injected under the skin of rabbits, produced almost immediate death. The rabbits died without convulsion, the heart and large blood vessels being engorged with blood. This seems to show that human breath contains a volatile poisonous principle which is more deleterious than carbonic acid.

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The Samoan Islands are a small cluster in the Pacific Ocean about midway between the Sandwich Islands and New Zealand on a line from San Francisco. According to treaty stipulation the American and several other nations are bound to protect the islands in the right to rule themselves. The English government has signified its intention to co-operate with the United States in putting a stop to German aggression in Samoa if international law and treaty stipulations have been violated, and this may bring many to time in double-quick order and stop the war, which if the half is told, our government is bound to wage. Several men-of-war have been dispatched to the scene, but it will take six weeks for them to reach the islands. The matter is being thoroughly investigated by the war department and if it be found that the Germans have mistreated the Americans there and torn down and burned our flag as reported, very decisive measures will be resorted to. Secretary Bayard has a chance to send the administration out in a blaze of glory, and we trust he will be equal to the occasion. Gov. McCreary, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, believes there is but little danger of war, as he thinks the German government after investigation will make all necessary apologies and indemnities.

FOURTEEN MILLION seems to be the favorite number of petitioners when you want Congress to do something. Senator Blair's Sunday Vest bill has that number and so did the W. C. T. U's. The bill will require everybody, railroads, newspapers, etc., to shut up shop willy nilly. The right of petition has always been recognized in our government, but the average petition isn't worth shucks. Many sign it without knowing what it is for, others to be obliging and still others to save the bother of an argument. A man should attach his name to one with the same hesitancy that he does to another's note, which he may have to pay, but unfortunately but few do. Believing the Bible when it says that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath, we regard Blair's bill as we do most of his other conceptions, as the invention of a Pharisaical fanatic and crank.

There is nothing on earth equal to the watchful and tender care in sickness or accident of a devoted wife for the husband she loves. But it must be a sore trial for a wife to minister to the wants of a husband, whose misfortunes have come to him by reason of his falsity to her. The case of Virgil Wright, the Louisville merchant, who was shot by his mistress, and who has since hovered between life and death, is one in point. With a pretty wife, three healthy children and an apparently happy home, he wandered off after a woman of the town and she finally shot him almost to death when he didn't do exactly to suit her. If Mrs. Wright has filled the place of a loving wife during his anguish, she is better than human and fully entitled to the poet's eulogium of "a ministering angel."

The Cincinnati Commercial makes the startling admission that democratic members of Congress are more reverential and respectful during the morning prayer than the republicans, who spend the time pulling egrets and examining their correspondence. The democrats nearly all rise and stand with bowed heads. The paper adds that the latter probably know they stand so much more in need of prayer and that the praying is mostly intended for them, that they are bound to be attentive. The real reason lies in the fact that the democrats are religiously raised gentlemen and always treat such matters with reverence and decorum.

Owing to an irregularity in the return of the Texas electoral vote, caused by the electors failing to sign their names on the envelope containing the result, Ingalls refused to receive it and the Lone Star State may be cut out entirely in the final count. But it doesn't matter much, further than it shows very remarkable stupidity on the part of the electors. If the New York electors and those in Indiana were to make such a mistake there might be some fun, but Texas counts on the wrong side of the balance sheet.

It is given as a dead sure tip that Senator Allison has been tendered the treasury portfolio and that he will accept it. Blaine will have the first position so this settles two of the cabinet. But what's the use of the newspapers beating their skirts about the matter? Harrison can't keep the secret more than 28 days longer and we for one can stand to wait.

The Louisville school board decided 14 to 1 to abolish the teaching of German in the public schools after the expiration of the present session, and all the newspapers, save the Anzeiger, are happy. The board is heels over head in debt and this lops off will save \$30,000 a year.

The Atlanta Constitution went to the useless trouble and expense of sending one of its editors away up to Columbus, O., to interview Little Breeches Forker on the Southern question. He was quite glib with his tongue and said among other things that the only trouble is that the negro vote is suppressed in the South. But, until the trouble is removed, he says there can be neither peace nor prosperity—neither union nor brotherhood. If the shot gun policy of suppression is not used then charges of crime are trumped up against the negro and he is shut up in jail till after the election. Commenting on this the paper says: "The trouble is, the negro vote is suppressed in Governor Forker's mind, and not in the South. The cure, therefore, lies with him and not with us. There was not a negro in the State of Georgia who did not vote in November as freely as Governor Forker did. He and his friends prefer to believe that the Southern whites are villains, the juries forsworn, the judges perjured and the whole system of law pernicious and oppressive. If he would only understand that the Southern whites are as honorable as the whites of the North—or even approximately so—he would very soon see light breaking through the clouds that now envelop him."

Col. Phillips, of the Lebanon Standard, who has been carrying on a newspaper war with Col. Colgan, of the Pineville Messenger, has decided to give the public a rest by seeing if the editor-poet means business. In other words he has challenged him to mortal combat and the challenge is as follows: "We propose to Lieut.-Col. Colgan through these writings, which will be handed him by our friend, the Postmaster at Pineville, that we will throw rocks with him to a finish at a distance of 900 yards, the lieutenant-colonel standing in front of the Pineville Hotel and his antagonist in front of the nearest house thereto." Now is Colgan's chance to become the David of his day, by slaying the red-headed Goliath, who has slandered his "city."

ARRANGEMENTS for a fitting celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of Gen. Washington as President of the United States are being made and the day promises to be a memorable one. It will occur April 30th and it has been arranged that the church bells all over the country shall ring to celebrate the event of one hundred years ago, when the church bells throughout the thirteen states rang out to call the people together to pray for the success and prosperity of the country under the administration of him, who was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

The Senate tariff bill, concocted by the republicans to benefit the monopolists and pull the wool over the eyes of the ordinary tax-payer, passed that body Tuesday night by a strict party vote—32 to 30. There has been much time and much wind spent on the bill, but it will not become a law even if by any possible chance, not probable, enough democrats could be found in the House to give the republicans a majority, for Honest Grover Cleveland stands ready to throttle it with his veto and thus protect the cause of the people.

The chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Press Association, Mr. C. E. Woodson, announces in the Owensboro Messenger that the next meeting will convene the first Tuesday in June, and hints at a most attractive programme, which will be shortly announced. Mr. Woodson worked hard to have his city chosen as the place for the meeting and he is leaving nothing undone to make it one that the editors will always remember.

The dead-lock in the West Virginia Senate was broken on the 15th ballot by the election of R. S. Carr, president, a decided victory for the democrats and is a dead-settled of the fraudulent claims of the opposition. The republicans no longer hoping to steal the governorship for Goff have nominated him for U. S. Senator, but a democrat will be elected. There is considerable opposition to Kenia, but this will probably subside and he will be re-elected.

The Pullman Palace Car Co., has gobbled up the Mann Bondair and the Woodruff Sleeping Car companies and now has a monopoly in the business. It is to be hoped, however, that it will not put up lodging higher than \$2 a night, though it has the inclination the people who patronize them will have to dance to the music.

An interviewer asked Blaine, "Will you be our next Secretary of State?" who responded, "That question can be better answered at Indianapolis." The planned knight is entirely too modest. He knows that all he has to do is to fiddle and his man Harrison will dance.

If Fairchild keeps on he may have the N. Y. Custom House manned by democrats by the time they will all have to walk the plank. An administration which has waited four years to turn the rascals out hardly deserves more than it got.

A young fellow in Fleming county drank three pints of a strong decoction of wild cherry bark to cure his consumption. In a few hours his cough was entirely stopped; likewise his breath, death had done its work.

JUDGE MONFORT at Frankfort has decided in the Tate suits that the State cannot recover on the bonds of 1884 and '86, on the ground that a final settlement with the treasurer by the proper officers relinquishes the State's claim to liability on the entries for those years. This only leaves the years of 1882 and '83 to be disposed of and they will probably go out the same way when the case comes up next month. We fear it will be a very diminutive sum that the State will realize from the huge steal of "Honest Dick Tate," who should have had the word "thief" branded on his forehead, instead of being allowed to wear such an appellation.

LT. GOV. BRYAN, who is acting governor while the old man goes after his young wife, who is visiting her former home in Richmond, Va., has signed the death warrant of Monroe Wilkerson, for killing Berry Marion, another negro, who asked him to behave himself in a more orderly manner, at a church at Scottsville. The date of the execution is Mar. 23d. It was the first paper of the kind the young "governor" ever signed, but it is to be hoped it is not his last if the cases come up. There are enough murderers in the State, who ought to be hung, to keep him signing several days.

The Minnesota Legislature has postponed the election of a U. S. Senator, to investigate the charges of bribery against the republican candidates, Sabin and Washburn, and the news comes that possibly the honest republicans will unite with the democrats and elect a man upon whose skirts there is no suspicion of fraud. It is said that some of the members were offered government positions, others \$1,000 and so on by both Sabin and Washburn. Later, the latter was elected.

NO LAMBS, the Hull, who is manipulating a pig iron combine in Louisville, is not the amiable and popular Col. W. M. Hull, who writes "In and About Kentucky" in the Courier-Journal. The colonel does not know pig iron from any other kind of pig and of combines or any other wickedness he is as innocent as a spring lamb. When not wielding his facile pen he puts in his spare time studying for the ministry, one would judge from his writings.

THE negroes all over the country who have heard of Mahone's interview are intensely indignant and at Atlanta they have gotten up a monster petition asking Harrison to keep him out of his cabinet. Some of the more radical white republicans are also very much wrought up over the interview.

WANAMAKER, who gave thirty thousand to bribe voters for Harrison while he pays his sewing women only 15 cents a day, is evidently in for P. M. Gendeb or Secretary of the Navy. He was in Indianapolis Wednesday and that is what is telegraphed from there.

THE Congress and 26 legislatures are making laws for the people. Let us be unfeignedly thankful that Kentucky is among the list of the few states that are spared the infliction. Ours does not convene, P. T. U., till the last week in 1889.

The News promises "Sweet Owen" to James G. Owens for lieutenant governor. As the county is nearly solidly democratic, "our candidate" has a pretty good start in the race, if he decides to make it.

MARRIAGE has certainly not proved a failure to multiply and replenish the earth in the case of a couple living in Brecken county. They are just celebrating the arrival of their 20th son.

NEWS CONDENSED.

Senator Beck is in Cuba. His health is much improved.

A earthquake destroyed 300 houses in a town of Asiatic Turkey.

Guy, Underwood has left Kentucky permanently to settle at Columbus, O.

St. Paul's Grand Opera House burned Monday. It cost \$200,000, insured for \$75,000, nobody hurt.

A freight train into a passenger train at Harrodsburg Wednesday, doing much damage, but hurting no one.

Senators McPherson in New Jersey and Coke in Texas have been re-elected, the latter without opposition.

Attilla Cox has gathered in \$23,000 during his 27 years as Collector of Internal Revenue at Louisville.

Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, who is 63, is fondling his first-born. He married a noted war nurse about a year ago.

Owen, the last of "old Jim Brown's" sons, but one, died at Pasadena, Cal., where he had been living the life of a hermit.

Five counterfeiters who have flooded the mountains with bogus half dollars and nickels have been arrested in Estill county.

John Wanamaker did not go to France as stated, but to Indianapolis instead, it is said by invitation of the President elect.

Two men were killed, one fatally injured and several others badly hurt by an explosion in a mine shaft at Nanticoke, Pa., yesterday.

Although there were a dozen ladies were candidates for the place, the Indiana democrats have nominated a man for State Senator.

Both Houses of the Arkansas Legislature have instructed their Representatives and Senators in Congress to fight the Blair Educational bill.

A giddy Baptist preacher, the Rev. Lem G. Savage, of Celina, Tenn., got tired of his wife and eloped with a younger and prettier widow.

Senator Dolph has been re-elected from Oregon, but there are not ten men in Kentucky who could have told he had ever been elected before.

The democratic caucus of the N. A. legislature decided to pass a bill for the repeal of the local option law, and to let the high license law stand as it is.

Attachment suits have been filed against W. H. Provis, at Jellico, and application made to the courts to set aside the sale of his property, recently noted.

Col. Sam South, the oldest son of Col. Jerri South, who was once the lessee of the penitentiary, and a political power in the State, died in Franklin county, aged 55.

John D. Robinson, who is charged with committing a rape in Taylor, was only saved from a mob by strategy and was afterwards taken to Louisville for safe keeping.

George A. Pearce, of Mobile, Secretary of the Planters and Merchants Insurance Co., has skipped with \$50,000. He worked the religious dodge and was not suspected.

Three years ago Peter Tilton, of New Hampshire disappeared. This week his remains were found in the woods hanging to a tree. The clothing alone held the skeleton together.

E. T. Brown, a capitalist, formerly of Lexington, Ky., was killed with a carpin and robbed of a \$1,000 diamond and other valuables in a short distance of his home at Wichita, Kas.

The murderer Hawes, who killed his wife and two children at Birmingham and on whose account nearly a score of people were killed, has been indicted for each offense.

F. E. McGurrin, the Remington expert, wrote 80 words a minute for five minutes on his machine at Cincinnati Tuesday. The copy was not selected either, being unfamiliar legal testimony.

Robbers stopped the last train out of Cincinnati Tuesday night and attempted to enter the express car, but the messenger opened fire on them and they "headed" it away. It occurred only 3 miles from Ludlow.

It is now proposed that the United States shall buy the peninsula of Lower California from Mexico at a price of \$20,000,000. The figure is not considered large, for the advent of the Southern Pacific road at the coast has made it most valuable property.

The gauging on the new Louisville Southern line from Lawrenceburg to Lexington has been begun and the iron work for the bridge across the Kentucky river has already been received. The right-of-way has been obtained nearly the entire distance.

Patrick Bradley, a married man, who was arrested last week, charged with assaulting little girls, whom he enticed into lonely places in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, was yesterday convicted and sentenced to 20 years and 8 months imprisonment.

The reports of the bridge disaster at Spotsville were overdrawn. Only one man was killed and three wounded. Twenty men were thrown into the river but they were rescued more scared than hurt. The boss who was treating the court's injunction with contempt has vanished.

A cablegram from New Zealand left the German war ship Elzer, which left Samoa on the 14th, arrived the 21st. The officers declare that the statements regarding the alleged tearing down of American flags, burning of houses of Americans and firing on British officers are unfounded.

Charles Tucker, the Cincinnati youth who forged checks to the amount of several thousands of dollars and got the money, has been sentenced to five years in the pen. He was captured in London, where he was cutting a wide swath, with a girl he claimed to be his wife, also of Cincinnati.

An effort having been made to secure a portrait of Mrs. Cleveland for the White House, the President writes: "Fully appreciating the kindness intended, I have to say that both of us are so opposed to the project that you could not show us greater consideration than by an entire abandonment of the scheme."

Jack, the Ripper, has transferred the scene of his operations to Kingston, Jamaica, where he has just murdered and mutilated the bodies of three prostitutes after the manner of the London outrages. To the body of the last woman found was pinned a slip of paper, on which was written, "Fourteen more and I quit. Jack, the Ripper."

A dispatch from Harrodsburg says that Mrs. William Payne, the wife of one of the wealthiest and best citizens, fell and broke her leg at the hip. On account of her advanced age and size, it is thought she cannot get well. She is the mother-in-law of Rev. W. P. Harvey, of the Baptist Recorder, of Louisville. She weighs nearly 300 pounds.

The fellow who was arrested in Menefee county for Tascott after being severely shot, went to Mercer after getting well and under the name of Charles Dickson, wooed and won Miss Mand Bonta, to whom he was to have been married the very day a detective arrested him as an escaped Tennessee convict and lodged him in jail. He is said to be a son of Dr. Hamley, a reputable physician of Louisville, W. Va.

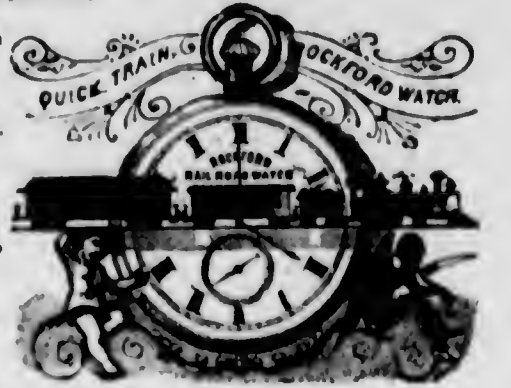
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